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STUDY GROUP

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1. DURING THE VISIT OF WILLIAM WALKER OF FEA ON JULY 18, ENERGY PRICING POLICIES WERE DISCUSSED WITH GEOERGES BRONDEL OF THE EC COMMISSION (REFTEL A). BRONDEL SAID THAT THE PREVIOUS DAY THE COMMUNITY ENERGY COMMITTEE, IN ADDITION TO ITS DISCUSSION OF THE IEP WITH FRANCE (REFTEL B), HAD ESTABLISHED A WORKING GROUP TO DISCUSS THE PETROLEUM PRICING SITUATION. THE WORKING
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GROUP, WHICH IS TO REPORT BACK TO THE COMMITTEE BY OCTOBER,

WAS GIVEN THREE MAIN TALKS: (A) TO EXAMINE ACTUAL PRICES WITHIN THE COMMUNITY OF CRUDE (INCLUDING TRANSPORT) AND REFINED PETROLEUM PRODUCTS; (B) TO EXAMINE THE QUESTION OF PRICE TRANSPARENCY; AND (C) TO STUDY THE VARIOUS PRICE SYSTEMS IN USE IN THE MEMBER STATES IN AN EFFORT TO SEE WHETHER PRICE HARMONIZATION WAS POSSIBLE. BRONDEL NOTED THAT THE SYSTEMS IN USE NOW DIFFER WIDELY AND HARMONIZATION WOULD CLEARLY BE VERY DIFFICULT.

2. BRONDEL SAID THAT THE DISCUSSION OF US PRICING POLICIES WITH WALKER WAS PARTICULARLY TIMELY AND THE WORKING GROUP MIGHT WISH TO ESTABLISH FURTHER CONTACT AFTER IT HAD HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO GET MORE DEEPLY INTO ITS OWN WORK AND TO STUDY THE PAPERS THAT WALKER LEFT WITH BRONDEL.GREENWALD

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